

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.—Monday—On the Bench, Lewis McKenzie, P. J., W. W. White and C. W. Nowland.

An inquisition on the body of John Skidmore, dec'd., was returned to court.

Robt. Ball, sr., executors vs. Robt. Ball, jr's., devisees—decree amended so as to provide for the disposition of a certain piece of property.

John Laphen vs. Quirk's adm'x., et al., W. C. Yeaton, Master Commissioner, ordered to ascertain the amount of debt due complainant.

An account of Wm. Bushby, jailor, for \$326, was allowed.

Several administrators and executors reports were returned to court and ordered to lie for exceptions.

A grand jury having been empaneled, with C. C. Smoot as foreman, found four indictments against Samuel Beach—true bills, and one indictment against Bushrod Gray for assault and battery—a true bill.

Licenses were granted to Phillip Wentzell, H. Hammill and Richard Spittle to keep ordinaries, and to W. S. Hough and Mankin & Bro., to sell wines and liquors.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of H. W. Davis were adopted.

An account of Samuel Beach for acting as Coroner, amounting to \$5, was allowed.

An account of J. Tacey, Clerk, for examination of Land and Property books, of the Commissioner of Revenue, amounting to \$15, was allowed.

Dickens vs. Lambkin—dismissed.

Hughes vs. Levy—death of plft. suggested.

Hughes vs. Chancey—death of plaintiff suggested.

Violet vs. Gallup—cause revived against Gallup's executor.

CHRIST CHURCH.—The Washington Chronicle gives an account of the Christmas and N. Year's services at Christ Church, in this place, which we copy:—

"In addition to the regular morning and evening services at Christ Church, on the Sunday before Christmas, there was a solemn midnight service, closing with the ringing of bells and the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*.—There were, in addition to the communion Christmas services, daily services and sermons during Christmas week. The public anniversary of the Sunday school in the church secured an immense audience; the singing was good, and admirable remarks were made by the rector, Rev. Dr. McMaury. The Christmas-tree gifts were judiciously selected. The superintendent of the Sunday-school was deservedly complimented by the presentation of a handsome prayer-book. The services of last Sunday were at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., 7½ p. m., and vigils at 1 to 11, closing at midnight. These were well attended. The Temples of Washington went down on a special train to participate in the midnight services. The services consisted of selections from the prayer-book, exquisite music, and a most able and touching discourse by Dr. McMurdy, from the words—'What! could ye not watch with me one hour?' showing the propriety of the vigil, its antiquity, its utility, and awakening serious and earnest thoughts of devotion, piety, and charity. Ten minutes were spent in silent prayer, the bell solemnly tolling the old year out. The whole was closed at midnight, by the singing of the midnight laments, the ringing of the bell, and the lights brilliantly burning. During the services and address the lights were almost extinguished, adding much to the deep impression of the services. Many felt and prayed that this may be a happy and useful year. The church is beautifully trimmed with a 'Hosanna' surmounting the whole chancel, an 'Alpha' and an 'Omega' on either side. Rex Regum and Dominus Dominorum, and I. H. S., constituting a monogram with a cross, on the pulpit cloth, crowned with 'In hoc signo vinces.' The gas cross and star are in perfect taste. Washington's pew has the stars and stripes as a coat of arms, and on the wall of the pew are the mottoes, 'One country,' 'One church,' 'Am. Ecc.,' 'Am. Pat.,' 'Patriot, Christian, Churchman.'"

The Richmond Dispatch of yesterday says:—"In Alexandria, which was first ceded to the General Government and afterwards retroceded to Virginia, there are now some 'loyal residents' who, according to the Washington Star, 'are seriously canvassing the propriety of having that town' ceded back to the General Government 'in order to secure a more thorough protection.' Perhaps the Legislature of Virginia may interpose a word of objection in view of the known fact that a large majority of the people of that city are attached to their State, and desire to continue under its protection and fostering care. We hope the malcontents will not 'have that town' taken out of the State 'without notice'; and notice being given, we think the Virginians there are 'show good cause,' why they should be left as they are."

JAILOR'S REPORT.—The following is the report of the Jailor of this county, for the year ending, 31st day of December, 1865. Total number of prisoners committed to jail, 190—Males, 175—Females, 15; 3 for murder, 131 for felony, 30 for larceny, 19 for breach of peace, 7 for drunkenness. Eight have been sentenced to State Prison for a term of 1 to 2 years; 7 have been sentenced to the County Jail for a term of 1 month to 1 year; 25 on hand—12 white—13 colored; 23 males, 2 females; 3 have received their sentence, 22 remain to be tried, 2 have died during the year, 1 from typhoid fever, 1 from delirium tremens, 2 sick on hand; of the above number 88 are white, 102 colored; 166 committed from Alexandria county, 24 from Fairfax county.

WM. BUSHBY, Jailor.

The unvariableness of the weather during the last two weeks has been remarkable, and though about eleven o'clock this morning a faint hope of a change of some sort was induced by the appearance in the sky, of a spot of blue sufficient to patch a Dutchman's breeches, it was soon dispelled, and from present indications we shall continue to enjoy rain, snow and slush, for an indefinite period. Burns, who said,

"A cheerless winter's day,
Let others fear, to me more dear
Than all the joys of May,"

would have revelled in such times.

RIVER BOATS.—The Keyport, having just returned from Baltimore, where she has been thoroughly ironed, has resumed her place on the Aquia Creek line; and the Vanderbilt, has been taken off temporarily for the purpose of being likewise ironed. The Express, is now running the night trips to Aquia Creek. The Wilson Small, runs the express freight through from Washington to Aquia Creek, stopping at Glymont. The Young America is laying at King street dock, for the present out of employment.

We are informed that the reports rendered to the Supt. of Freedmen's Affairs show that during the month of December there were ten schools for colored children in operation, in this city. Twenty-one teachers, six of them colored persons, were employed, and the attendance was males 559 females 559; total 1,115. The average attendance was between 800 and 900. After a short vacation, including the holidays, the schools re-opened to-day.

POLICE REPORT.—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—There were no cases worth reporting at the Mayor's office this morning, but the time usually spent in that office was consumed by the Mayor in granting orders to deserving poor people for wood and provisions.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—William Whitley, a negro, charged with stealing a coat from Lucy Taylor, a negress, was committed for trial.

On Saturday morning last, just before day, Mr. Edward Hunt, of Cameron Mills, having occasion to go into his stable found there, in the dark, a man who he supposed for the moment to be one of his drivers, and asking him what he was doing there so early, was astonished to hear the snap of a cap, fired from a pistol held close to his head, by a discovered horse thief, as he rushed by him. Mr. Hunt gave the alarm but the thief escaped.

A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE INDICTED.—In the County Court yesterday, the grand jury found four indictments—true bills—against Samuel Beach, a Justice of the Peace of this county, first, for not returning proceedings to the Court when fines were imposed, 2d for malfeasance in office, 3d for collecting fines without authority, and 4th for not paying in fines when collected.

Gov. Peirpont is in Washington and, it is said, expresses the opinion, that the Senators from Virginia will be permitted to take their seats at an early day. It is further said that the Southern Representatives will be admitted during the present session—if they take the test oath.

The Washington Star says, that yesterday at the President's Levee in Washington, after 2 o'clock when the public reception was over, "such of the colored people as were in waiting outside, were admitted."

Two small frame shanties, on Nailor's Hill, were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last, about 2 o'clock. They were owned by a colored man, and the loss was not great.

Rev. Dr. Kurtz, for many years the editor of the Lutheran Observer, died in Baltimore, on Friday last.

The train on Orange Railroad, due here yesterday evening, did not arrive until early this morning, in consequence of an accident to the freight train, between Gordonsville and Charlottesville.

The January term of the County Court continued its session to-day, but no business of importance was transacted. The attendance, as usual, is small.

We learn that the three cows, stolen from Mr. Willis Henderson, last week, have been taken up in Georgetown, and the thieves arrested and confined in jail.

The arrests of persons alleged to have been engaged in the disturbances which occurred in this city during Christmas day, still continue.

The position occupied all day yesterday by a portion Maj. Gen. Augur's, command on Harpers corner, was abandoned late last night.

We are informed that Maj. George Johnston, has recovered the horse lost by him last week, and advertised in the Gazette.

Petit thefts in this city and neighborhood are becoming outrageously numerous.

Advertisers frequently mark their advertisements "till forbid," and forget to order their discontinuance. It is not our fault, therefore, if they are continued, and charged for. We do not know when the advertiser wishes them stopped. But, doing the work, we ought to be paid for it, and not suffer by his negligence.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Gold, 144½

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.
DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE U. S.
Fourth Quarterly Report on the Morning of the First Monday of January, 1866:
RESOURCES.

Notes and Bills Discounted.....	\$108,759.81
Bonds Deposited with the Treasurer of the U. S. to secure circulation..	100,000
Bonds Deposited with the Treasurer of the U. S. to secure Government Deposits.....	50,000
Other U. S. Bonds and other Securities on hand.....	77,150
U. S. Revenue Stamps.....	1,000
Due from Banks.....	21,544.11
Banking House.....	13,000

CASH ITEMS, Viz:

National Bank Notes on hand.....	3,460
State Bank Notes on hand.....	550
Other Lawful Money on hand.....	55,989.81
Total.....	\$60,949.81

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....	100,000
Circulation.....	88,500

DEPOSITS.

Individual.....	\$187,323.87
United States.....	22,020.36
Banks.....	20,450.80
Dividends Unpaid.....	8,000
Surplus Fund.....	2,108.11
Jan 2—1st.....	\$420,403.23

PUBLIC SALE.—By virtue of the last will and testament of E. W. Horton, dec'd., I will offer for sale at Stafford O. H., the 17th day of January, 1866, that being court day, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in the county of Stafford, of which said R. W. Horton, died, seized, containing ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ACRES, more or less, and adjoining the lands of the late William Botts, Isaac Bridwell and others. This land is of good quality, well watered, mostly in timber, with some fifteen or twenty acres of cleared land, a log house, and a small peach and apple orchard.

Terms of Sale:—One third of the purchase money will be required on the day of sale; the remainder in two equal annual payments, to be secured by bonds and personal security, with a retention of title till they are paid. Selling, as executor, I shall convey such title as is vested in me as such which is considered good.

MERIDITH W. HORTON,

ja 2-cots Executor of R. W. Horton, dec'd.

TO LET.—A WAREHOUSE in Sharpshin Alley. Apply to GEO. E. WHITE, Jan 2—4w 89 and 91, Cameron street.

CIDER.—New Cider just received, and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, Jan 2—4w 89 and 91, Cameron street.

PIANO FOR SALE.—A 6½ Octave Walnut Case PIANO, in good condition, for sale very cheap. Apply at 241, King st. Jan 2—1w

J. H. DEVAUGHN
NO. 130, KING STREET,
(Old Stand.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE, which he is prepared to sell as LOW as it can be bought in any house in the city. He would invite those in want of Furniture, to give him a call before they purchase.

HAIR, Husk, and Excelsior MATTRESSES, Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, made to order at the shortest notice. For sale low for cash. aug 3—6m

P. B. HOOD, GEO. C. WEDDERBURN,
Alexandria, Va. Richmond, Va.

HOOD & WEDDERBURN,
(Successors to Fowle & Co.)
GENERAL SHIPPING, COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

INSTRUCTION ON THE PIANO, GUITAR, HARP, AND IN VOCAL MUSIC.

The undersigned, after an absence of six years, again presents himself to his friends and the public generally, for giving instruction on the above named instruments and in vocal music.

Those desiring to secure his services, will please apply at either Mr. French's or Mr. Entwistle's Book Store, on King Street, and at the Journal and Gazette offices.
sep 11—1f JOHN F. BRANT.

VICTOR BECKER.

PIANO TUNER AND REGULATOR.
Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodeons, Accordeons, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King street.

V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—1f

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing under the name of Ashby & Wood, was on the first day of May, 1862, dissolved by mutual consent. The books are for the present at the old stand, No. 170, King street. Either partner is authorized to settle the business of the firm.
ROBERT S. ASHBY.
ROBERT L. WOOD.
de 14—1m

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the late firm of Ashby & Wood, are respectfully requested to settle their accounts without further delay. It being necessary to close up the business, the books will in a short time be placed in other hands for collection.
R. S. ASHBY.
R. L. WOOD.
dec 14—1m

EDGAR T. McVEIGH,
Formerly of J. H. McVeigh & Son,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WITH
J. C. BAUGHER & CO.
LIQUOR MERCHANTS,
No. 33, south Charles St.,
BALTIMORE.

Importers of WINES, BRANDIES and LIQUORS generally, dealers in WHISKIES of all grades.

Particular attention paid to old Whiskies, of which they have always a large stock on hand, varying from four to ten years old.

Orders for stock on hand or for direct importation will have prompt attention.

J. C. BAUGHER & CO.,
No. 33, South Charles st.,
Baltimore, Md.
oc 18—1f

ROOM FOR RENT.—The STORE ROOM on Cameron street, next to the Old Theatre Building. A good business stand for either a grocery or dry goods store, or as a professional office. Enquire of JAMES CHATHAM.
dec 19—cotf

R. A. MATTHEWS, L. L. LOVING,
of Richmond, Va. of Nelson, Va.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED
a partnership, under the name and style of MATTHEWS & LOVING,

and having purchased the stock of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, will continue the AUCTION & COMMISSION BUSINESS, in connection with a

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERY, at the old stand of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, No. 4, Janney's Wharf, and No. 8, Union street, Alexandria, Va., where they will be glad to see their friends.

Consignments of Country Produce, &c., made to them will receive prompt attention, and every reasonable effort will be given to render general satisfaction.
R. A. MATTHEWS.
de 30—1f L. L. LOVING.

LOST.—A BROWN MULE, specked with grey hairs, marked I. C., with a piece of rope around the neck, strayed from the premises of the Bone Factory, about 2 miles north of Alexandria, on the night of the 25th inst. A reward of \$10 will be paid for the return of the same to the Bone Factory, or to the undersigned.
de 30—2t WILLIAM MURELL.

TWO PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES.—One Single Cylinder, TWELVE HORSE POWER, Saws and Belling Complete, never used. One second-hand, Double Cylinder, FIFTEEN HORSE POWER, in good order, and but little used. For sale by
HOOD & WEDDERBURN,
Foot of Prince street.
dec 30—6t

175 NEW AND BEAUTIFUL CLOTH CLOAKS.
600 Pieces Poplins, Reys, Merinos, Alpaca's, and other

LADIES' DRESS GOODS.
70 Pieces Black and Colored

CLOAKING CLOTHS.
700 Ladies' and Misses'

HOOP SKIRTS.
50 dozen White, Black, and Colored

JOUVIN'S KID GLOVES.
200 dozen Ladies', Gents', and Misses'

COTTON AND WOOLEN HOSIERY.
Just received and for sale low by

M. TAYLOR & CO.,
No. 42, Centre Market Space,
Washington.
dec 6—1y

FOR SALE.—A most desirable HOUSE and LOT, on Prince near Union street. Apply to D. L. SMOOT, Office Market Building,
oc 30—1f

ARTHUR C. KELL,

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER,
No. 5, South Washington St.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Work solicited.
GLAZING AND GRADING promptly executed.
jan 1—1f

FOR RENT.—TWO HOUSES on Gibson street, near the corner of Washington.—Apply to J. H. A. C. SMOOT & SON,
dec 20—4f 509—1f No. 21, King street.